

THE PRICE OF LIES

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 3, John 8:32

Memory Verse

9 And stop lying to each other. You have given up your old way of life with its habits. 10 Each of you is now a new person. You are becoming more and more like your Creator, and you will understand him better.

Colossians 3:9-10



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Have you ever told a fib? Maybe you told your parents you picked up your room, when you really hadn't. Maybe you made up an excuse for not doing your homework. Maybe you exaggerated a story to impress someone else. Believe it or not, lies that seem small can hurt others, and we eventually have to pay the cost for them.

The Bible tells us about the first lies that were told. Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, a paradise, but a serpent lied to them about God's goodness. Then, they disobeyed God, tried to hide their sin, and then blamed others for what they had done. In the same way, we tell lies when we hide something, but God wants us to live lives of honesty. God doesn't just tell the truth; he *is* the truth! Jesus told his disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Even though Adam and Eve suffered bad consequences for their sin, God still took care of them. He covered their sins. We may feel ashamed when we mess up, but Jesus took the punishment for our sins. He covers our sins with his grace and teaches us the truth in his

Word.

Today's verse tells us when you welcome God into your heart, you become a new person. New people don't lie; they love their neighbors by telling the truth in love. And while lies come at a price, the truth sets us free! (See John 8:32.)

Prayer

Dear God, please forgive me for the times I have been dishonest. Thank you for teaching me the truth in the Bible. Please help me have the courage to tell the truth, even when it is hard. Amen.

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